Upgradation of historical places

†3295. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to make the historical places of National heritage of international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount of funds proposed to be allocated for each heritage sites for this purpose; and

(d) by when this plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) There is no such proposal with the Government at present. However, the conservation and preservation of Centrally protected monuments, and improvement of facilities therein is a continuing process attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India. For the current year (2006-07) there is a provision of Rs. 98.60 crores for conservation, preservation and environmental development of Centrally protected monuments.

Preservation of historical monuments in Delhi

3296. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on preservation of historical monuments in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) what are the various modes of utilization of these funds to ensure the safety of these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The year-wise details of amount spent on centrally protected monuments in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years are as under:—

2003-04	Rs. 1126.37 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 898.43 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 866.39 lakhs

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.